

Sermon Notes-Ruined Nature

Romans 5:12-21– December 6, 2020

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” – a brilliant and beautiful display of Biblical truth

- Our version misses two verses – two verses that describe the uncomfortable truth of Christmas
 - ◊ “Ruined Nature now restore”
 - ◊ “Adam’s Likeness, Lord, efface”
- We are sinners!

What is Sin?

- Broken relationship with God – the story in Genesis 3
- We are not sinners because we sin; we sin because we are sinners

Original Sin – “Adam’s Likeness”

- Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:22
- We are all infected
 - ◊ A generational virus
 - ◊ “Carried by Adam”
 - ◊ A photograph of each time we sin
- We are all responsible
 - ◊ Speeding illustration
 - ◊ Ephesians 2:2
 - ◊ We cannot pass the blame
- We are “totally depraved”
 - ◊ What this does NOT mean – it does NOT mean there is nothing good in us
 - ◊ What this does mean – every part of us is affected by sin: reason, emotion, sexuality, ambition, spiritual awareness, will, conscience
 - ◊ Jeremiah 17:9 – “Ruined Nature”

Sin’s Consequence

- Joe and the tiger – isolation
- Genesis 3
 - ◊ Isolated from ourselves – naked and ashamed
 - ◊ Isolated from one another – blame
 - ◊ Isolated from creation – work becomes an ordeal
 - ◊ Isolated from eternal future – death reigns
 - ◊ Isolated from God – banished from Eden-Enemies of God (Romans 6:10)

Sin’s Solution

- NOT trying harder or being religious or being kind
- Only when we understand the seriousness of our sin can we understand the glorious mercy of God
 - ◊ Sin’s cure must come from beyond us – John 3:16

◇ Adam's Likeness, Lord, efface!

Charles Wesley's story can be your story today